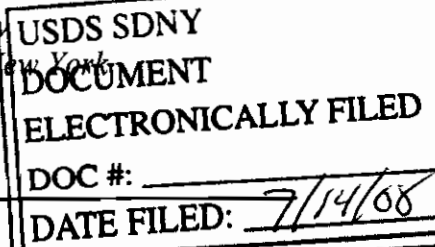


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Honorable P. Kevin Castel
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Room 2260
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Application Granted.

So Ordered:

Hon. P. Kevin Castel, U.S.D.J.

Re: Richard Light v. Astrue
08 Civ. 1853 (PKC)

Dear Judge Castel:

This Office represents the Commissioner of Social Security, defendant in this action. I write respectfully to request an extension of defendant's time to file an answer or move with respect to the complaint.

The answer is due today, July 2, 2008. This case was recently assigned to me, and because I have not yet completed my review of the administrative record, I respectfully request that the time in which to answer or move with respect to the complaint be extended by thirty days, to August 1, 2008. This is the government's second request for an extension. Plaintiff has kindly consented to this request. } OK

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

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